

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON : : MISSOURI.

In his speech at Atlanta, Ga., on the 14th, the president's reference to the confederate dead was greeted with the wildest applause.

Former United States Senator Calvin S. Brice died, on the 15th, at his residence in New York city of pneumonia, after one week's illness.

A mob of women at Grenada, Spain, considering that the discovery of America was the principal cause of Spain's misfortunes, tested the statue of Columbus on the 14th.

The entire American peace commission left Paris for the United States, via Havre and Southampton, sailing for New York, on the 17th, on board the American line steamer St. Louis.

A special from Washington says: The navy department will very shortly send a steamer to Pago-Pago, with material for the construction of a pier and other improvements for the American coaling station in Samoa.

Naval officers believe the battleship Massachusetts, which scraped Diamond reef, must go out of commission, and that practically a new keel and several new frames must be supplied to her before she will be again fit for sea.

A special dispatch from East Liverpool, O., says: The new tin plate trust has taken possession of all the mills in this section. W. H. Brandfield, of the Ironville mills, is to manage this district, embracing Ironclad, Lisbon and Newcastle.

At the last meeting of the board of governors of McGill university at Montreal, Ont., Lord Strathcona announced his intention of endowing the new Victoria college for women, which he recently built at a cost of \$250,000, to the amount of \$1,000,000.

The Porto Rican cabinet has decided to secure an efficient American superintendent for the schools of the island. Gen. John Eaton, the well-known educator, and formerly United States commissioner of education, has been selected and sent for.

Under orders from Copenhagen the United States steamer Gypsum King has been permitted to dock at St. Thomas, D. W. I., which permission was at first refused by the local authorities, who feared it would be a violation of neutrality rights.

A semi-official note issued in Madrid, on the 16th, said: "As the American senate must ratify the treaty of peace before it becomes effective, our government should wait for the ratification and not hasten to cede territory which the United States senate may not accept."

Certain of the American volunteers who are now at Manila, and who have resolved to settle in the Philippines, have organized the Philippine Development association, for the purpose of promoting various enterprises as soon as the men are discharged from military service.

Wm. J. Jones, formerly register of deeds of Lyon county, Kas., a prominent cattle man, mysteriously disappeared, on the night of the 14th, and it is said he mortgaged cattle he did not own to Elmore & Cooper, a commission company of Kansas City, and supposedly to other parties.

On the 14th, on motion of John Sidney Webb, an attorney of Washington, Paul Neuman, of Honolulu, was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Neuman is the first of our annexed citizens to be admitted to practice before the highest tribunal of the land.

There is great irritation in Madrid at the continued refusal of the Filipinos to release the Spanish prisoners who are said to exceed 10,000 in number. The insurgents are demanding that Spain pay a ransom for these prisoners the \$20,000,000 which she is to receive from the United States.

The steamship Alameda, from Australia to San Francisco, brought treasure amounting to \$3,510,000. There were 120 boxes of English sovereigns, 5,000 sovereigns in a box, and 24 boxes filled with bullion. The money is to settle in part the balance of trade between this country and England.

John D. Hayes, who served as a Red Cross nurse with the Second United States infantry under Gen. Shafter at Santiago, on the 14th shot and killed his brother, Edward S. Hayes, proprietor of a hotel at Bleecker and McDouglass streets, New York city, who had accused him of theft of money.

The National Civil Service Reform association, in convened at Baltimore, Md., devoted almost the entire morning, on the 16th, to a discussion of the report of the committee on resolutions which charges the present national administration with a violation of the spirit if not the letter of the civil service laws.

Gen. Lee's arrival in Havana caused numerous demonstrations, though he sedulously tried to avoid them. He ate luncheon, on the 14th, at the Hotel Trocha with Generals Wade, Greene, and Clous, and leaving there in the afternoon, passed, by evening through Cerro, a suburb of Havana, where the ladies waved American flags, and threw flowers.

Gen. Ludlow, the newly appointed military governor of the city of Havana, is busily engaged in drawing up plans for the discharge of the heavy task set for him so that he may start for his post in the course of a few days. He will take with him a staff of experts in sanitary and civil engineering, customs and financial and other trained officials.

The Denver (Col.) City cable railway was sold at auction, on the 15th, by order of the United States court under foreclosure of a mortgage for \$4,000,000, the interest on which had been in default since 1892. H. E. Rogers, as agent of Frederick P. Olcott, of New York, chairman of the property for \$200,000, the minimum bid allowed.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)
In the senate, on the 13th, Mr. Morrill made a speech in support of the bill authorizing the purchase of a site for a supreme court building, which was passed unanimously. Several bills of minor importance were passed, which much time was given to debate of the Nicaragua canal bill. In the house, the District of Columbia appropriation bill was passed without a single amendment. Senate bill to amend the laws relating to seamen was also passed, all amendments being rejected.

In the senate, on the 14th, the Nicaragua canal bill was further considered, and an agreement was reached to take a vote on the bill. The bill was passed by a vote of 100 to 100. A brief but interesting debate on the rules, was the only other matter of importance considered.

In the senate, on the 15th, the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, making provision for the army and navy for the next six months, had the right-of-way over all other business, and a spirited debate on the bill was passed. A bill to amend the pension appropriation bill was passed without a word of criticism, after which the bill to incorporate the International American bank was taken up, and an arrangement made, after discussion, for a vote on its passage on the 16th.

The senate was not in session on the 15th. In the house the bill to incorporate the International American bank was defeated by a vote of 100 to 100. A bill to extend the customs and revenue laws of the United States over the Hawaiian islands was passed without opposition. The bill carries with it the civil service laws relating to appointments in the customs and revenue service in Hawaii.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A syndicate has been formed in Toronto, Ont., to build a yacht which will, next year, be the Canada cup defender. George H. Duggan, of Montreal, has promised to design the boat.

The annual convention of the American Humane association began its sessions in Washington city on the 14th. It now seems certain that Fred Wood, the prisoner held at Spokane, Wash., on a double charge of burglary and highway robbery, and Otis Martin, charged with the murder of H. W. Wall, of Staunton, Ill., are one and the same person. He has pleaded guilty to burglary to avoid extradition.

A combination of all the rubber concerns of Trenton, N. J., has been formed.

The house committee on Indian affairs held the Indian appropriation bill under consideration on the 14th. It was decided to cut off all sectarian appropriations.

Antonio E. Terry, the multi-millionaire, formerly of New York, died in Paris, on the 14th, of liver complaint. He was twice married, his second wife being Sybil Sanderson, the American opera singer.

Hon. William J. Bryan arrived in Washington, on the 14th, from Savannah, Ga. He will remain there for several days before proceeding to his home in Nebraska.

Nearly every state and territory in the Union was represented at the second annual convention of the National National Guard association, which opened in Chicago on the 14th. The fourth regiment is expected to leave winter quarters at Fort Sheridan, Ill., for Manila within three weeks.

A Norfolk (Va.) dispatch of the night of the 14th said that the cruiser Brooklyn was waiting there for the arrival of Gen. Miles from Washington, and would convey him to Havana.

"Aunt Lucy" Nichols, of New Albany, Ind., has just been granted a pension of \$12 per month by special act of congress. Lucy is the only female member of a G. A. R. post in the United States. She served through the war with the twenty-third Indiana, participating in 23 battles.

An extra session of the Kansas legislature has been called to meet December 21.

The north-bound passenger train of the Gulf read was dived by a broken rail at a point about three miles south of Barela, Cal., on the 15th, making a bad wreck and injuring several passengers and members of the train crew. The presidential party left Atlanta, Ga., at one o'clock on the morning of the 16th, for Tuskegee, Ala., over the Atlanta & West Point railroad.

United States Senator Quay is suffering from an acute attack of indigestion, but his condition is not considered serious, and his physician states that there is no cause for alarm.

The state supreme court at Madison, Wis., decided, on the 16th, that Charles Polachke, who was arrested on August 10, 1897, on a charge of bribery, preferred by Alderman Elkert, of Milwaukee, in connection with a garbage deal, will have to stand trial.

Col. Charles W. Davis, commander of the 10th Cavalry, and one of the best-known veterans in the army, died, on the 16th, from paralysis of the heart.

Upon the shoulders of the 28-year-old Stewart M. Brice has fallen the great responsibilities of managing his late father's \$10,000,000 estate. Young Mr. Brice realizes the fact that it is a difficult task for a novice, but he is willing to make the attempt.

In response to the nation's inquiry on the subject, President McKinley has sent an assurance that the Catholics in Cuba and Philippines will enjoy the same ample liberty as the Catholics in America. Provisional governments will not be permitted to seize ecclesiastical property or despoil convents.

The London Daily News, commenting upon recent gun trials at Bangor Hook, says: "The Americans have only to give their minds to it to become the first artillerists in the world. In fact, an American artillerist on the war path deserves the most serious notice of all whom it may concern."

President McKinley visited the Industrial institute at Tuskegee, Ala., on the 16th, and addressed the assembled students and populace, and later went to Montgomery, where he addressed the general assembly of the state, in joint session. At both places he was received with enthusiasm.

A Madrid dispatch of the 17th said a report had been received from Havana that Gen. Maximo Gomez, the Cuban patriot leader, was dead. Gen. G. G. Gillett, the ascending estate plunger of Woodbine, Kas., and his attorney, C. R. Troxel, who camped with him, left the City of Mexico, on the 16th, for Vera Cruz, where they will take a steamer for South America.

Mr. F. G. Logan, a well-known Chicago board of trade man, has given \$35,000 to the art institute of that city for the erection of a library building as an addition to the institute.

Fred Koble and Theodore Nassing, wealthy and prominent farmers, who lived a few miles from Nameoki, Ill., were run down and instantly killed by the south-bound Chicago & Alton through passenger train, on the evening of the 16th, while riding together in a dog cart.

Walter N. Rosser, the Tennessee soldier who on the night of September 13 shot and killed a civilian named Henry Hildebrand, was acquitted of the crime by a jury at San Francisco. It was shown that Rosser had been drugged while drinking in a low saloon, and was entirely irresponsible for his acts.

The evidence adduced, at Berlin, Prussia, against the Kaiser's utterances against the Kaiser is so overwhelming that a heavy sentence is certain. Knaak is an American citizen who imagined he could talk as freely in Germany as he could in America.

The arrival of Gen. Lee in Cuba has excited the ignorant Spanish soldiery. They accuse Lee of having plotted, in connection with Sigbee, to charge that the Maine was blown up by Spaniards. In order to avoid a conflict Gen. Lee will probably remain at Marianao until January 1, when the Spaniards will surrender Havana.

Clayborne county (Tenn.) physicians are puzzled over the case of Mrs. J. L. Spence, 73 years of age, who lives at Lone Mountain. She has just produced four large molar, after being toothless 16 years.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The senate was not in session on the 15th. In the house the bill granting right-of-way through the San Francisco forest reserve to the Saginaw Southern railroad of Arizona, was passed. Mr. Payne, (rep., N. Y.) called up the bill extending the laws of the United States relative to commerce, navigation and merchant seamen to the Hawaiian islands, but, persistent efforts to amend the bill, causing delay, the bill was withdrawn. The house then went into committee of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill.

Michael Emile Rollinger, a native of Austria, is under arrest in Chicago, charged with the murder of his wife, Theresa, whose charred body was found in a clothes closet of her home, and the police claim they have sufficient evidence to prove that Rollinger strangled his wife, poured kerosene over the body and set fire to it.

Thomas Jones, living near Greer, W. Va., attempted to light a fire with crude oil, on the 15th. An explosion occurred, wrecking the room, and the dresses of his twin daughters, aged six years, ignited. He was so severely burned to assist them, and they were so badly burned that both of them died shortly afterwards.

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Nearly the whole of the business part of the town of Tifton, Ga., in the center of the peach belt, was burned, on the night of the 15th. An oil lamp in a boarding house exploded, causing the fire. The masonic hall and ten stores were destroyed, and the loss of large lumber mill was damaged.

Former Police Capt. John J. Mount of New York died suddenly of heart failure, on the 15th, aged 80. Capt. Mount was appointed to the municipal police force in 1850, became a captain in 1861, and distinguished himself in the draft riots of war times.

In the senate, on the 15th, several important speeches were made. Mr. Platt's (N. Y.) speech against Mr. Vest's resolution declaring that the United States has no power to acquire territory, being the most important. The Nicaragua canal bill was then taken up, and Senators Berry, Allen, Hoar, Caffery and Morgan spoke to the question. In the house, it being suspension day, several bills were passed, the most important one being that appropriating \$350,000 for the Philadelphia exposition of 1899. Mr. Bailey (Tex.) introduced a resolution directing an investigation and report on the status of members of the house who have accepted commissions in the army, and by many other politicians, characteristic remarks, which, however, elicited no comment or notice.

Commander I. Mori, who is to take charge of the New Japanese cruiser Chitose, now lying at San Francisco, says the policy of expansion which has been adopted by the United States receives the cordial moral support of the Japanese from both sentimental and commercial considerations.

On the 15th the Cubans celebrated the evacuation of Marianao, on invitation of Alcalde Senor Gomez de la Manza. Every street was decorated with American and Cuban flags intertwined, and at several points were erected triumphal arches bearing suitable inscriptions.

Steamers arriving at Auckland, N. Z., report that the French are actively engaged in fortifying Tahiti, the principle island of the Society group, which is under the control of France.

Wm. Burt, one of the oldest residents of Michigan, died at Marquette, on the 19th. He was distinguished as the inventor of the solar compass and typewriter of the first typewriter.

Edward Bain, president of the Bain Wagon Co., of Kenosha, Wis., died from heart trouble at Pasadena, Cal., on the 18th. Mr. Bain was rated as one of the richest men in southern Wisconsin.

A dispatch from Utica, N. Y., announces the suicide of Leroy P. Midlem, the last democratic postmaster at Marquette, Mich., from which city he lately removed.

French Ambassador Jules Cambon will sail from Havre for New York, on January 7, to resume his duties at Washington.

Capt. Borchgrevink's expedition has started from Hobart, Tasmania, for the Antarctic regions.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Missouri Crops for 1898.

The twentieth annual report of the bureau of labor of Missouri contains the following resume of Missouri's agricultural production:

The total yield of corn in the United States for 1897 is given as 1,902,973 bushels, an average of 23.3 bushels an acre. Missouri is credited with 6,612,453 acres, which yielded 171,123,382 bushels, an average of 25.8 bushels an acre. The average selling price was 24 cents, and aggregate value of the crop, \$41,361,722. Our average yield of corn for the past 10 years was 82 bushels.

The total yield of wheat was 530,149,168 bushels, an average of 12.4 bushels an acre. Missouri had 1,567,162 acres of wheat, which yielded 14,104,458 bushels, an average of 9 bushels an acre. The average selling price was 85 cents, and the aggregate value, \$11,985,789. Our average yield of wheat an acre for the past 10 years was 17 bushels.

In 1897 the United States produced 688,767,809 bushels of oats, the average yield an acre being 27.2 bushels. Missouri had 1,688,324 acres, which yielded 22,973,106 bushels, worth \$1,194,852. Our average yield was 27 bushels and average selling price 19 cents. Our average for the past 10 years was 22 bushels.

Last year's total production of rye was 7,383,231 bushels, an average of 16 bushels an acre. Missouri had 4,304,114 bushels. The average selling price was 63 cents, and the total value \$2,805,392. Our average yield an acre for the past 10 years was 14 bushels. Kansas, 60; Michigan, 72, and Iowa, 79.

Missouri's total acreage of hay in 1897 was 2,077,747 acres, from which was produced 2,648,394 tons, valued at \$15,659,770, an average of \$6.15.

Louisiana Purchase Centennial.

The official invitation to the states of the Louisiana purchase to participate in a conference in St. Louis January 10 next to determine the place and character of a commemorative observance of the purchase of the Louisiana territory from France, has been issued by Gov. Lon V. Stephens. The invitation is extended with the assurance that the well-known hospitality of the Mound City will be accorded those who may be appointed to represent the various states which are to participate in the conference. The governor makes the point that the conference should be held on January 10, as the day of national growth. Civilization must go on until there is not one upon which its benign light does not fall. Europe, congested, is seeking new outlets for trade and commerce. One after another each has been taken up, and now European nations are dividing the empires of the east. If not now, when and how can America expand, while three-fourths of the globe are appropriated?

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THE CUBAN DELEGATION.
A Conference with Secretary Hay—Waiting for the Plans of the Government to Unfold.
Washington, Dec. 18.—The members of the Cuban constitutional delegation now in Washington, in company with Senor Quezada, called at the state department and were in conference half an hour with Secretary Hay, who denied himself to other callers for this purpose. The parties to the conference declined to make any statement as to its nature.

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MOST IMPORTANT YEAR OF THE CENTURY.

"Expansion of Civilization" was His Theme—Civilization Must Go On, He Said, Until There is Not One Province, One Island, One Individual Upon Which Its Benign Influence Does Not Fall.

Washington, Dec. 18.—"Expansion of civilization" was the topic of the address of Hon. David J. Hill, assistant secretary of state, Friday night, at the annual banquet of the Baptist Social Union.

"This year," said Mr. Hill, "is one of the most important of the century. To some this period appears the be-



ginning of an era of imperialism. A malignant disposition could not have selected a worse word than imperialism. A better word which expresses the true condition, is expansion. It is not a new one, and the idea is not novel. It has existed since the inception of national growth. Civilization must go on until there is not one upon which its benign light does not fall. Europe, congested, is seeking new outlets for trade and commerce. One after another each has been taken up, and now European nations are dividing the empires of the east. If not now, when and how can America expand, while three-fourths of the globe are appropriated?

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HAVANA SUBURBS EVACUATED.

Various Rioting Marks the Ascendency of the Cuban—Several Persons Wounded, Some of Them Seriously.

Havana, Dec. 19.—The Spanish evacuation commissioners informed the American commissioners last evening that the Havana suburbs Cerro and Jesus del Monte had been evacuated.

"Long Live Cuba!" "Death to Spain!"
The suburb of Cerro was evacuated Saturday. American and Cuban flags were displayed from the houses on the Calzada del Cerro, and crowds rushed through the streets shouting: "Viva Cuba Libre." About half-past five o'clock Saturday evening a crowd of Cubans of lower class passed a barracks of engineers on the Infanta avenue, shouting: "Long live Cuba," and "Death to Spain," and firing shots into the air in celebration of the evacuation of Cerro.

The Guard was Doubled—Wounded with Knives.
The engineers did not fire, but the guard was doubled. The crowd then passed on from the Calzada del Monte to the Calzada del Cerro, stopping the street cars and compelling passengers to alight. "Viva Cuba Libre." Among the demonstrators were a number of butchers, who carried pistols and knives. Jose Gancedo and his cousin, Theodore Huertis, who were on the cars, were wounded with knives. Gancedo died yesterday and Huertis will probably die.

Fired on the Engineers—Wounded on Both Sides.
Later the crowd met some engineers at the Esquina de Tejas, and fired upon them, seriously wounding one. The engineers returned the fire, wounding a street car conductor, a civilian, Isador Bazols and John Leonard, a colored man.

The rioting continued, many shots being fired in front of the Casa de Socorro, where the wounded were assisted. Spanish soldiers were ordered to the scene and arrived about nine o'clock. While marching through they were fired upon by men concealed behind pillars. One Spanish private fell wounded, and the battalion fired into the air to scare the rioters. On resuming their march they were again fired upon and another man was hit. The Spaniards then fired and dispersed the rioters.

Among the wounded was a colored woman, and it is also reported that there were several others. The rioting caused great alarm in Cerro and along the Calzada del Monte, where all houses have kept closed doors since Saturday night.

RETURNED TO MADRID.
The Spanish Peace Commissioners Received Without Demonstration—Bitter Reproaches from the Press.

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Last evening the queen regent received Senor Montero Rios in audience. The newspapers assert that Saturday's council of ministers agreed that the cabinet should not appear again before parliament, and it is believed that Senor Sagasta will submit the resignation of the cabinet to the queen regent after the council to-day.

El Liberal, in a very outspoken article, declares that both the liberal and conservative parties must disappear, "as they represent the annihilation of the Spanish prestige abroad, the failure of the country's finances and the loss of the colonial empire."

El Globo says that Senor Sagasta withdrew from the cabinet council yesterday, as he was slightly indisposed. The editor of a Carlist newspaper published in this city has been arrested at Leon, capital of the northern province of that name, while in the course of a tour through the provinces of the kingdom. Important documents were found upon his person.

COL. CARLOS GARCIA.
The Son of the Late Gen. Garcia Arrives in this Country to Visit His Mother.
New York, Dec. 19.—Col. Carlos Garcia, eldest son of the late Gen. Garcia, arrived here yesterday on the Ward line steamer Santiago. He was greeted at the pier by a number of Cubans. Col. Garcia was in command of a division of the army in Santiago province at the time of his father's death. He will stay in this city for a day or two, and will then go to Washington and later to Thomasville, Ga., to visit his mother.

"My father's death," he said, "has been a great blow. I do not know what my plans are while in this country." When asked about the present conditions in Cuba, he said: "You must pardon me, but I can say nothing on that subject now. Everything, however, is going nicely."

FATAL COASTING ACCIDENT.
One Man Killed and Eleven Persons Injured, Two Seriously, by the Collision of a Sled.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 19.—As a result of a coasting accident at Turtle Creek, eight miles from Pittsburgh, Joseph West, aged 30, is dead and 11 others injured, two seriously. The sled collapsed at the bottom of a steep hill and hurled the party with great force in every direction. The two seriously injured are W. B. Mader, both legs broken, and Joseph Conner.

Sympathy for a Soldier Who Got Drunk and Made a Fool of Himself.
Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—Formered citizens have interested themselves in behalf of Moore, the Maine artilleryman, who was the other day sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or serve 60 days on the chain gang by Judge Norwood for attempting on the streets to hug the wife of a prominent citizen. A petition to the governor for pardon is being circulated, and it is being signed not only by leading men, but by a society women as well. Moore was intoxicated at the time of his offense.

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD.
The population of India increases at the rate of 3,000,000 annually. Cotton spinners in Egypt have to work from six a. m. to ten p. m. for 15 to 20 cents. In Russia servants kiss their mistress hands both as morning and evening greetings. The tomb of Mohammed is covered with diamonds, sapphires and rubies, valued at \$12,500,000. The income tax in India is levied on all incomes of \$162 and upward, and then only one man in 700 comes within its scope. Turkish papers were not allowed to print the news of the assassination of the Austrian emperor. They simply announced that she had died. Spain has greater mineral resources than any other country in Europe, including iron, copper,